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THOMAS SHILALE ET AL. )

Serial No.: 09/938,283 )

Group Art Unit: 3728

Filed: August 23, 2001 )

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For: CONTINUOUSLY CONNECTED )  
FASTENER STOCK AND )  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated April 3, 2003, in the above-identified patent application, the Patent

Office communicated the following restriction requirement:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a method of fabricating using a rotating molding wheel, classified in class 264.

→ II. Claims 19-46, drawn to a length of continuously connected fastener stock, classified in class 206.

III. Claims 48-52, drawn to a plastic staple, classified in class 24.

IV. Claim 53, drawn to a needle in dispensing fasteners, classified in class 227.

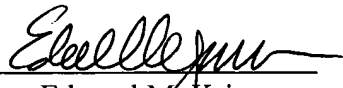
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In response to the foregoing restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1-18.

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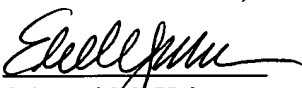
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified patent application are the following:

A Response to Restriction Requirement

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The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. \_\_\_ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a ( ) month extension of time to respond to
2. ☒ Please charge any fees or costs not accounted for to Deposit Account No. 11-1755.
3. \_\_\_ Applicant is a small entity.

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